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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DFA NOTE 75-2617 DTD OCTOBER 8, 1975.

QUOTE THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE LATTER'S NOTE NO. 765 DATED 24 SEPTEMBER 1975 CONCERNING THE RESUMPTION OF BILATERAL TALKS BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND THE UNITED STATES ON MATTERS INVOLVING TRADE

THE DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT IT IS THE DESIRE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT DISCUSSION ON THE TWO COMMODITIES, COCONUT OIL AND PHILIPPINE MAHOGANY, SHOULD FORM A PART OF THE DISCUSSION OF THE WHOLE SCOPE OF PHILIPPINE-UNITED STATES ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

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THE DEPARTMENT REITERATES THAT THE TARIFF PROBLEMS

AFFECTING COCONUT OIL AND PHILIPPINE MAHOGANY ARE MATTERS OF URGENT CONCERN TO THE PHILIPPINE EXPORT INDUSTRY AND IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS ON THESE TWO PRODUCTS AFTER THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER IN MANILA. THIS IS, HOWEVER, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE DISCUSSION AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME OF OTHER TRADE MATTERS AS MAY BE DESIRED BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WHICH MAY INCLUDE AN AGREEMENT OR AGREEMENTS ON ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THE DEPARTMENT WISHES TO BE INFORMED WHETHER THE ABOVE PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

2. WE WILL HAVE RECOMMENDATIONS AFTER CONSULTATION WITH ARNOLD ON HIS RETURN TO MANILA.

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